



UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women and Girls

2025 Call for Proposals: Resourcing Resilience - Investing in Civil Society Leadership to End Violence against Women and Girls

Concept Note Application Form

Please review the Call for Proposals document, Eligibility Checklist (Annex 1) and Concept Budget Form & Budget Guidelines (Annex 3) before completing this Form through the Online Application System. Prior to applying, applicants should check their eligibility using the online eligibility tool available [here](#).

Applicants are expected to submit their applications online. The online **application will be available between 18 September 2025 and 19 November 2025** at: <https://grants.untf.unwomen.org/>. Only applications submitted through the Online Grants Management platform, using the Concept Note form, will be considered.

Please contact the UN Trust Fund by email at untfgms@unwomen.org if you face any technical problems with the online application.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Applications that are predominantly written using AI without meaningful human input, contextual understanding, or alignment with the applicant organization's experience will be penalized. All content must accurately reflect the organization's own work, knowledge, and context. Misuse of AI may result in disqualification.

I. Organization Profile

Organization Information

Organization name [Do not use acronyms or abbreviations]*			
Address		City	
State or Province		Country or Territory	
E-mail		Confirm E-mail	
Telephone number (including country code)		Website	

***Please provide the full name of your organization and do not use acronyms for your organization name.** In case there is more than one organization applying, only include the name of the lead organization that will be responsible for project management and contractual obligations (the "lead" organization). There will be an opportunity to list names of co-implementing partner later.

Organization Contacts

Provide the names and key information for at least two contact persons for your organization. One of them must be an individual with the legal authority [Legal Representative] to sign documentation on behalf of the Organization. Include email addresses that will remain active for at least one year as all application updates will be sent via email.

Primary contact person		Secondary contact person	
First Name		First Name	
Last Name		Last Name	
Job Title		Job Title	
E-mail		E-mail	

Organization Details

Please select the option that best describes your organization and the core focus of its work. Recognizing that organizations often identify as more than one type, you will be able to provide more information about your organization's specific work and the population you work with in subsequent questions. Provide information and attach supporting documents that will enable us to assess your organization's mission, profile and composition.

Type of Civil Society Organization (select one)

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| ☐ Women's rights* | ☐ LGBTIQ+ |
| ☐ Girls' rights** | ☐ Development |
| ☐ Youth rights | ☐ Faith-based |
| ☐ Human rights | ☐ Health |
| ☐ Humanitarian | ☐ Other (Specify, 20 words or less) |
| ☐ Organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD) | |

* To be considered a "women's rights organization", the applicant must demonstrate its core work is in the field of women's rights, gender equality, the elimination of violence against women and/or girls, or sexual and gender-based violence. The organization's official mission and vision statements must reflect its commitment to pursuing gender equality and empowering women and girls.

** To be considered a "girls' rights organization" the applicant must demonstrate that its core work focuses on advancing the rights of girls, including but not limited to gender equality, the elimination of violence against girls, and the promotion of their empowerment, protection, and participation. The organization's official mission and vision statements must explicitly reflect its commitment to defending and promoting the rights of girls as central to its mandate.

Evidence for Women's Right Organizations:

The official mission and vision statements of the organization must reflect its commitment to pursuing gender equality and empowering women and girls. Provide evidence in the forms of by-laws, articles of association, statutes, constitution and organigrammes that enable the UN Trust Fund to ascertain whether the organization is a Women's Right Organization.



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Evidence for Girls' Right Organizations:

The official mission and vision statements of the organization must reflect its commitment to defending and promoting the rights of girls as central to its mandate. Provide evidence in the forms of by-laws, articles of association, statutes, constitution and organigrammes that enable the UN Trust Fund to ascertain whether the organization is a Girl's Right Organization.



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Type of organization (select one)*

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| ☐ Community-based | ☐ Regional |
| ☐ Local / sub-national | ☐ International / INGO* |
| ☐ National | ☐ Network/Coalition |

* **Community-Based Organizations (CBO):** Those that work within the specific community they serve, with community members actively engaged in leadership, decision-making, and activities.

Local/Sub-National Organizations: Those that operate in a defined geographic area within a country (e.g., a city, district, or province) and primarily serve that area.

National Organizations: Those that work in multiple regions or addressing national-level priorities.

Regional Organizations: Those that operate in several countries within a specific region, addressing shared regional issues or goals.

International Organizations*: Those that operate in multiple regions or globally, with cross-country programming, advocacy, or partnerships.

Note: International NGOs, including national chapters or country offices of INGOs, should select "International".

Network / Coalition: Formal alliances or platforms of multiple organizations that coordinate or advocate collectively around shared goals.

Is your organization's work primarily focused on ending violence against women and/or girls?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Insert your organization's mission and/or vision statement as it appears in its constitution/articles of association.

Provide translations where necessary. (Maximum 100 words)

Is your organization governed and led by women?*

☐ Yes ☐ No



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*To be considered “women-led” the organization must demonstrate that it is governed and led by women. For the UN Trust Fund, this requires evidence that a minimum of 51 per cent of leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization (management, senior management and board levels) are held by women. Kindly attach evidence to this effect (a list of all staff and board, with gender and position).

What percentage of leadership positions in your organization are held by women? Please include best approximation. This should include women in leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization (e.g. President, Executive Director, Board Members, Senior Managers, etc.) and not all personnel that are women. (select one)

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| ☐ 0 to 20 per cent | ☐ 41 to 50 per cent | ☐ 61 to 80 per cent |
| ☐ 21 to 40 per cent | ☐ 51 to 60 per cent | ☐ 81 to 100 per cent |

Is your organization led by and for the structurally marginalized women and girls it serves (i.e., constituent-led)?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

*To be considered constituent-led, the organization must be led by marginalized women and girls, with core work focused on addressing their specific needs and informed by their priorities. Examples include organizations of women and girl survivors of violence, people with disabilities, Indigenous women, lesbian, bisexual and trans women (LBT), refugee-led or internally displaced people (IDP)-focused groups, and girl-led or girl-centered organizations.

If YES, please select the group of constituents (select one)

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| ☐ Women/girl survivors of violence | ☐ Women/girls experiencing racial discrimination and/or injustice |
| ☐ Women/girls living with HIV and AIDS | ☐ Afro-descendant women/girls |
| ☐ Lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and intersex | ☐ Self-identified sex workers |
| ☐ Women/girl refugees | ☐ Women/girls in the lowest income groups |
| ☐ Internally displaced women/girls (IDPs) | ☐ Women/girl migrants |
| ☐ Indigenous women/girls | ☐ Women human rights defenders/ gender advocates |
| ☐ Women/girls with disabilities | ☐ Other (describe in 10 words or less) |
| ☐ Women/girls from minority ethnic groups | |

If YES, please explain how your organization is led by and for the group of people it serves (e.g., constituent-led)? In your response, describe how your organization is governed or directed by members of the specific group it represents (e.g. women with disabilities, Indigenous women, LBT women, refugees, survivors of violence, or girls), and how your work is guided by their lived experiences, needs, and priorities. (Maximum 200 words)

Has your organization previously received funds from the United Nations? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Has your organization previously received funds from the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women and Girls? ☐ No ☐ Yes
Year(s) _____
Amount (in USD) _____

List your major donors (Maximum 60 words)

Organization Capacity

Which year was your organization legally established?

Is your organization officially registered or does it have a legal basis/mandate as an organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

* The lead applicant must be **officially registered or have a legal basis/mandate** as an organization. If the lead applicant is not legally registered in the country of implementation, it must submit a legal registration document of at least one of its co-implementing partner(s) that is registered in the country of implementation (in addition to its own legal status/registration document).

Annual organizational budget of your organization (the amount must be in US dollars and cannot be in local currency) *	2022	2023	2024
Size of organization (small or large) – calculated automatically based on average organizational budget **			

Estimated resources spent on ending violence against women and girls programming of your organization (the amount must be in US dollars and cannot be in local currency)

2022

2023

2024

* The organizational budget refers to the lead applicant organization's total annual budget, including all income and expenses related to running the organization, regardless of the funding source. The information should be provided in US dollars and not in local currency. It should match with and be verifiable against the financial statements submitted as required attachments. Enter amount without any periods, commas, symbols or spaces. Please round up to the nearest dollar. The budget amounts must reflect the lead applicant only and cannot be combined with the budgets of co-implementing partners. For international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), the budget amounts should reflect the organization's budget in the countries of implementation.

** To be considered a "small organization," the applicant's average annual organizational budget must be less than US\$ 200,000 over the past three years.

Does your organization have certified financial statements for the last three fiscal years?

Please also attach the last three certified financial statements.

2022

☐ Yes ☐ No



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2023

☐ Yes ☐ No



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2024

☐ Yes ☐ No



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* A **certified financial statement** is one that has been reviewed, approved and signed by the person authorized to sign financial documents for the organization. This can be someone from within the organization or an outside firm, as delegated to sign as the designated official of the organization. This may include an internally prepared document, such as an Excel sheet, as long as it is signed by the designated official authorized by the organization.

Does your organization have expertise and experience in implementing projects with a specific and primary focus on ending violence against women and girls of at least five years in the last ten years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

In exceptional circumstances (e.g. for new organizations that have been in existence for less time) three years of history may be accepted.

Technical expertise in the field of ending violence against women and girls (Maximum 750 words)

- Explain your organization's history and expertise working on ending violence against women and girls.
- Please provide information on your organization's focus on specific groups of marginalized women and girls and specific expertise in addressing violence against structurally marginalized women and girls.
- Provide details of the number of staff with technical expertise on EVAW/G and explain their role within the organization.

Provide the CV (resume) of at least one staff member with EVAW/G technical expertise and experience. Please also share the organigram of your organisation, and information about EVAWG projects implemented (briefs, articles and/or evaluations).



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Technical experience in the field of ending violence against women and girls (Maximum 1000 words)

Please briefly describe your organization's projects on ending violence against women and girls, implemented within the past ten years. Projects counted as EVAW/G must have an explicit objective to prevent and/or respond to violence against women and girls, and include identifiable activities such as survivor services, prevention campaigns, legislative advocacy, or similar actions where ending violence against women and girls is a key focus.

For each project, please provide information for all of the following elements:

- Project title
- Donor
- Duration
- Total budget
- Locations
- Target Beneficiaries
- Main activities carried out
- Key results achieved (quantitative and/or qualitative)

Organizational capacity in project and financial management (Maximum 750 words)

- Describe the expertise and experience available in your organization in (1) project management; (2) data collection, monitoring and evaluation; and (3) financial management and accounting.
- How will you ensure your organization has the capacity to meet quality project management standards? If you identified any gaps, explain how you plan to strengthen your organizational capacity.
- How will the proposed strategies, project activities and budget outlined in this grant application help build organizational capacity and resilience for your organization?

The UN Trust Fund may share your organization's profile and information contained in your application with other donors. The purpose of information sharing is to increase visibility of and raise funds for the important work being done globally by organizations to address violence against women and girls. Please indicate whether your organization consents to this information being shared.

- ☐ Yes, I consent to the information provided being shared with other donors.
- ☐ No, I do not consent to the information provided being shared with other donors.

II. Profile

Overview

This section contains basic information about your initiative.

Country(ies) and/or territory(ies) of implementation

*You must select a minimum of one and a maximum of ten countries and/or territories listed in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Assistance Committee's (OECD DAC) list of official development assistance (ODA) recipients.

List the state(s)/region(s)/province(s) or district(s) where the initiative will be implemented (Maximum 100 words)

Title

Duration

4 years

Initiative Start date* (day/month/year):

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Initiative End date (day/month/year)

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*The estimated start date cannot be before 01 July 2026 (01/07/2026)

Total amount requested from the UN Trust Fund (in US dollars)*

*All organizations should consider their own operational and absorptive capacity when submitting a funding request. **Applicants should not request a grant amount more than 3 times its annual organizational budget** as entered above (using your average organizational budget of your organization for the past 3 years as reference). For example, if your annual organizational is US \$100,000 on average over the last 3 years, you should not request more than US \$300,000 for the 4-year grant.

Lead organization*

*If awarded a grant, the applicant (lead organization) will be accountable for the management of entrusted funds and will be responsible for ensuring its co-implementing partners understand and comply with the requirements and obligations pertaining to managing a UN Trust Fund grant.

Co-Implementing partners* (Maximum 50 words)

Co-implementing partners are civil society organizations that directly carry out activities and receive a portion of the grant funding. Please list all the co-implementing partners of the initiative, [add a row for each co-implementing partner by clicking on "add more", with a maximum of 4 in addition to UN Women]

*The organization applying as the lead applicant may collaborate with co-implementing partners to complement its expertise and outreach capacity, and to strengthen the capacities of local and grassroots women's and girls' rights organization. The lead organization can partner with up to four co-implementing partners who can receive a portion of the funding.

Does the initiative require government registration or approval?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide estimated timeline in months

Please note this information is only requested to provide a realistic assessment of the initiative start date and has no impact on the selection process.

Forms of violence

Form(s) and manifestation(s)* of violence against women and girls in various settings that will specifically be addressed by the initiative (you may select a maximum of four)

Please ensure that your selection of forms of violence clearly align with the initiative focus.

☐ Violence in the family ☐ Intimate partner violence (Physical, Sexual, Psychological and emotional, Economic) ☐ Non-partner violence (Physical, Sexual, Psychological and emotional, Economic) ☐ Violence against the girl child (violence related to exploitation; non-spousal violence) ☐ Harmful practices ☐ Early/Child marriage ☐ Forced marriage ☐ Pre-natal sex selection ☐ Female Infanticide ☐ Female genital mutilation ☐ Dowry-related violence ☐ So called 'honour crimes' ☐ Violence against widows ☐ Acid violence ☐ Inheritance related violence ☐ Witchcraft and sorcery related violence ☐ Other (Specify, maximum 20 words) ☐ Violence against domestic workers	☐ Violence in the community ☐ Femicide ☐ Sexual violence by non-partners (rape/sexual assault) ☐ Sexual harassment and violence in public spaces/institutions ☐ Violence in schools ☐ Violence in the workplace ☐ Violence in public spaces ☐ Technology-facilitated violence ☐ Trafficking in women and girls ☐ Violence against women and girls related to climate change	☐ Violence perpetrated/condoned by duty bearers or at societal level ☐ Custodial violence ☐ Violence against women in public life, including during political activities, elections, or in exercising public functions ☐ Violations of women's sexual and reproductive health and rights ☐ Conflict-related sexual violence ☐ Sexual and gender-based violence in crisis settings (during and in the immediate aftermath of conflict, or following natural disasters, etc.) ☐ Sexual and gender-based violence in refugee/internally displaced persons (IDP) camps ☐ Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
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Does your initiative address any other forms of violence not listed above? If so, please specify (maximum 20 words)

*Form(s) and manifestation(s) of violence against women in various settings draw from the "In-depth study on all forms of violence against women: report of the Secretary-General" (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/SGstudyvaw.htm#more>). See pages 37-47 for definitions.

Beneficiaries and partners

Estimated number of Primary Beneficiaries and Partners:

Primary Beneficiaries and Partners (Women and Girls): Select up to FOUR (and at least one) groups of women and/or girls your initiative intends to support as rights holders, beneficiaries, and/or agents of change. Your application must explicitly state how you will address the needs of each specific group/s you check a box for and how they will benefit from your initiative. Applications focusing on selected groups with clear explanation of how the initiative will engage specifically with these groups are preferred to applications trying to target too many groups. As/when people fall into more than one category (have multiple identities), you should also explain these intersections across groups in the Initiative Concept Section.

☐ Women/girl survivors of violence ☐ Women/girls living with HIV and AIDS ☐ Lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and intersex ☐ Women/girl refugees ☐ Internally displaced women/girls (IDPs) ☐ Indigenous women/girls ☐ Women/girls with disabilities	☐ Women/girls from minority ethnic groups ☐ Women/girls experiencing racial discrimination and/or injustice ☐ Afro-descendants women and girls ☐ Self-identified sex workers ☐ Women/girls in the lowest income groups	☐ Women human rights defenders/ gender advocates ☐ Other category 1 (describe in 10 words or less) ☐ Other category 2 (describe in 10 words or less)
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☐ Women/girl migrants		
Age Groups of Primary Beneficiaries and Partners (Women and Girls): Select the age groups of the primary beneficiaries and partners your initiative aims to target. You must select at least ONE category and you may select all that apply to the initiative. Please note that the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child defines 'children' as persons up to the age of 18. If your initiative intends to work with anyone under 18, the proposal must describe the ethical and safety considerations for doing so and the protocols your organization will put in place (e.g. under the Ethics and Survivor-Centred Approach question). You will also need to show a specific strategy for working with girls as this is an intersecting category of age and gender. Similarly, if you work with elderly women, please explain how their specific needs will be taken into account.		
☐ 0-9 Years	☐ 18-19 Years	☐ 60-64 Years
☐ 10-14 Years	☐ 20-50 Years	☐ 65 Years and Older
☐ 15-17 Years	☐ 51-59 Years	

Estimated number of Secondary Beneficiaries and Partners:		
Secondary Beneficiaries and Partners (all genders): Select up to FOUR (and at least one) groups of people your initiative intends to support as secondary beneficiaries and/or key partners such as agents of change, duty bearers, key stakeholders or initiative participants. If you are working with more than four of these groups, please select the four that you consider are most critical to your strategic approach.		
☐ Human rights defenders/activists/ allies ☐ Members/leaders of faith-based organizations ☐ Traditional leaders and/or actors (e.g. chiefs, healers etc.) ☐ Health professionals (e.g. doctors, nurses, health workers, etc.) ☐ Men and/or boys (in general, e.g. as agents of change) ☐ Members/leaders of Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations ☐ Members/leaders of the community and/or community-based organizations/groups	☐ Members/leaders of youth groups ☐ Media professionals (e.g. journalists) ☐ Education professionals (e.g. teachers/educators) ☐ Students (primary, secondary, or tertiary) ☐ Police (e.g. law enforcement, detectives, regular uniformed police) ☐ Other uniformed personnel (e.g. military, peace-keeping officers, etc.) ☐ Judicial and legal personnel (e.g. judges, prosecutors, lawyers, etc.) ☐ Government officials (e.g. district councillors, policy makers, etc)	☐ Parliamentarians ☐ Private sector/ business owners/employees ☐ Social/welfare/humanitarian workers ☐ Family members (e.g. parents, husbands, mothers-in-law) ☐ Community volunteers (e.g. as community mobilisers) ☐ Other category 1 (describe in 10 words or less) ☐ Other category 2 (describe in 10 words or less)

Description

This section contains your initiative summary as well as relevant links to the UN Trust Fund's strategic and thematic results areas.

Primary level of proposed initiative intervention (select one)			
☐ Community	☐ Local	☐ Sub-national (i.e. province, state)	☐ National
☐ Regional	☐ Cross-regional		

"Community" should be selected when the project will intervene in one or more neighbourhoods, areas, or communities within a village, commune, town or city.

"Local" should be selected when the project will intervene in one or more village, commune, town or city.

"Sub-national" should be selected when the project will intervene in one or more provinces, states, or other form of territorial organization within the National State.

"National" should be selected when the project will intervene across the entire country or influence national systems, policies, or frameworks.

"Regional" should be selected for multi-country proposals only, when the project will be implemented in different countries of the same region (Africa, Americas & the Caribbean, Arab States, Asia & the Pacific, Europe & Central Asia).

"Cross-regional" should be selected for multi-country proposals only, when the project will be implemented in different countries across regions (Africa, Americas & the Caribbean, Arab States, Asia & the Pacific, Europe & Central Asia).

Primary settings of proposed initiative intervention (select all that apply)		
☐ Urban setting	☐ Peri-urban setting	☐ Refugee camp setting
☐ Rural setting	☐ Internally displaced persons (IDP) camp setting	☐ Other (please describe, 20 words maximum)

Will the proposed initiative be implemented in a crisis setting?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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If YES, please describe the crisis and how it affects the women and girls supported by the initiative (150 words)

UN Trust Fund Strategic Results Areas: Select up to FOUR (and at least one) results areas that best represent the key results the initiative aims to achieve. If successful for a grant, applicants will report against these results once a year.

1. Improved access for women and girls to essential, specialist, safe and adequate multisectoral services.

☐ **Improved access to adequate and safe specialist support services** for survivors and women and girls at risk of violence (e.g. shelters, helplines, psychosocial support, etc)

☐ **Improved essential service provision** for survivors and women and girls at risk of violence (e.g. through health, social, welfare, justice services)

☐ **Cases of violence reported by women and girls are being more effectively reported, handled and/or referred, investigated and/or prosecuted**

☐ **Improved access to justice for survivors in cases of violence** (e.g. through legal aid, support to access court, institutional improvements to enhance the justice process)

☐ **Improved access to information, goods and/or resources** to help prevent and respond to violence against women and girls (e.g. access to knowledge on services available, or access to resources in crisis situations)

2. Improved prevention of VAW/G through changes in behaviour, practices and attitudes

☐ **Social norms, behaviours, attitudes and practices in the community are transformed** or improved to better protect women and girls from violence (e.g. through community mobilisation, group education, public campaigns, etc.)

☐ **Environments / public spaces are made safer** from violence for women and girls (e.g. initiatives to prevent sexual harassment and all forms of violence in schools, work environments, transport hubs, etc.)

☐ **Women and girls are empowered through improved resources, skills and capacities** to escape from and prevent VAW/G (e.g. through life skills training and other economic and social empowerment initiatives)

☐ **People are supported in their interpersonal relationships to prevent VAW/G** (e.g. through skills development in interpersonal communication and shared decision-making in the household)

☐ **Women and girls have increased capacities to exercise leadership in efforts to end VAW/G** (e.g. as agents of change, human rights defenders, community leaders, etc. taking an active and often public role in ERAW/G etc.)

3. Increased effectiveness of legislation, policies, national action plans and accountability systems to prevent and end VAW/G

☐ **Local, sub-national or national government institutions design and/or implement reforms, strategies and/or policies** to prevent or respond to VAW/G (e.g. reforms within the justice system to meet the needs of the most marginalised women)

☐ **Local, sub-national or national guidelines, protocols and/or standard operating procedures are developed or strengthened** to deliver essential services for survivors and women and girls at risk (e.g. protocols on case management are revised to align with international standards)

☐ **Institutional partners have increased capacities to develop or implement national and/or local multi-sectoral strategies, policies and/or action plans** on ending violence against women and girls (e.g. government officials have improved capacities/knowledge/skills draft an action plan inclusive of the needs of the most marginalised women)

☐ **Legislation relating to ending violence against women is developed, better implemented or improved** (e.g. work with institutional partners leads to amendments or improvements to laws to criminalise VAW/G)

☐ **Accountability systems are in place and/or improved** to hold Government to account for commitments on ending violence against women (e.g. through civil society, multi-stakeholder taskforces or other mechanisms to hold duty bearers to account)

Alignment with the UN Trust Fund's Strategic Plan and Outcome Areas:

Please select only ONE of the three outcome areas below that best represents the PRIMARY focus and fits best with the overall goal of the initiative proposed:

☐ Outcome 1. Improved access for women and girls to essential, safe and adequate multi-sectoral services to end VAW/G

☐ Outcome 2. Improved prevention of VAW/G through changes in behaviour, practices and attitudes

☐ Outcome 3. Increased effectiveness of legislation, policies, national action plans and accountability systems to prevent and end VAW/G

III. Proposed Concept

This Call for Proposals will prioritize interventions that address violence against structurally marginalized women and girls, particularly in contexts where progress on gender equality faces setbacks and growing restraint. Interventions should respond to the lived realities of structurally marginalized women and girls and those facing intersecting forms of discrimination. This means recognizing how factors like race, age, religion, disability, displacement, sexual orientation, or economic status combine with gender inequality to increase the risk of violence and limit access to protection and support in the context of backlash.

Applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed intervention responds to the specific context in which the organization works, including any challenges or constraints that affect efforts to end violence against structurally marginalized women and girls. Applicants are encouraged to reflect on how shifting social, political, or institutional dynamics - such as shrinking civic space, discriminatory narratives, or opposition to gender equality - are influencing their work and the communities they support. Interventions and strategies should be grounded in the organization's experience, approach, and knowledge of the context.

In your application, it is crucial to clearly describe:

- **The context and geographical areas** where your work will take place, including how backlash is affecting efforts to prevent and respond to violence against structurally marginalized women and girls
- **The forms of violence you aim to address and the specific needs of the structurally marginalized women and girls** you plan to work with and support
- **The intervention and strategies** you plan to use to bring about positive change in the lives of the structurally marginalized women and girls you aim to support, and how these are grounded in the specific context and needs of those you aim to support, and responsive to evolving challenges.
- **Why your organization is well-placed** to respond in support of efforts to end violence against structurally marginalized women and girls, based on your experience and expertise in EVAWG, partnerships and relationships, and understanding of the local context.

More information can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and tips for application writing.

All selected organizations will receive funding for a duration of four years, for a grant amount between USD \$150,000 and USD \$800,000. Organizations should request a grant amount that aligns with their operation and absorptive capacity to manage and implement funds effectively. **An organization should not request a grant amount more than 3 times its average organizational budget** for the past 3 years. This does not include the organizational budget of co-implementing partners. For example, if your organizational budget is US \$100,000 on average over the last 3 years, you should not request more than US \$300,000 for the 4-year grant. The UN Trust Fund will assess absorptive capacity against the certified financial reports you are requested to submit as well as information pertaining to your annual organizational budget submitted as part of the application.

Both single-country and multi-country proposals are welcome under this Call for Proposals. Multi-country can cover up to ten eligible countries, with a maximum of four co-implementing partners receiving a portion of the funding. These proposals must go beyond implementing separate activities in different countries and instead aim to create shared impact on EVAWG through cross-country, sub-regional, regional, or cross-regional collaboration. Applicants must clearly demonstrate the added value of a multi-country approach by showing how the initiative creates meaningful linkages and synergies across countries.

Partnerships with smaller, local and grassroot women's and girls' rights organizations - whether as supporting partners or co-implementing partners - are encouraged. A lead applicant may include up to **four co-implementing partners** in the application, that will receive a portion of the requested funding. **Please note that having co-implementing partners is not a requirement.**

More information can be found in the Call for Proposals and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and tips for application writing.

Summary (Maximum 500 words)

Provide an overview of your proposed initiative. Start by describing the forms of violence experienced by the structurally marginalized women and girls you intend to work with and for, their specific needs and how backlash or challenging environments are affecting them and worsening these challenges (**who and what**). Explain the added value of the initiative and how it is filling gaps in addressing violence against structurally marginalized women and girls (**why**) along with relevant information about the national and local context (**where**). Conclude with the set of actions you propose to take (initiative's interventions, the **how**), the results you aim to achieve (the initiative goal) and the total grant amount requested (**how much**).

Context and Problem Analysis (Maximum 750 words)

Explain why your initiative is needed, who it will support, and what specific forms of violence and challenges it will address in the context of backlash or challenging environments. Your response should demonstrate a strong understanding of the local context, the needs of the population your initiative aims to serve, and the specific challenges posed by backlash.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Who:** Identify the specific groups of structurally marginalized women and girls your initiative will support. Describe how they are experiencing marginalization and intersecting forms of discrimination and explain their key needs.
2. **What:** Describe the forms of violence these groups face and the core problems your initiative aims to address.
3. **Why:** Explain how backlash/challenging environments are exacerbating the situation and highlight the gaps your initiative seeks to fill in response.
4. **Where:** Describe the national and local context in which the initiative will be implemented. For multi-country initiatives, briefly address the context for each country.

Results & Added Value (Maximum 750 words)

Describe what your initiative aims to achieve, including the key results, anticipated impact on the lives of structurally marginalized women and girls affected by violence, and the main activities that will contribute to these results.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Goal:** Clearly state your overall goal. This should reflect the long-term, positive change you aim to bring about in the lives of the most marginalized women and girls by the end of this initiative.
2. **Expected results:** Describe the key results your initiative will achieve to reach this goal. For multi-country initiatives, clearly explain how the initiative will generate added value beyond individual country-level interventions. Be specific about:
 - **Who will benefit** (survivors, community members, institutions)
 - **What will change** (improved access to survivor services, stronger institutional responses to violence, shifts in harmful social norms, or greater safety and resilience)
 - **Added value** (describe the unique impact your initiative will achieve in this context—such as reaching groups that are often excluded, filling critical service or advocacy gaps, advancing reforms in laws and policies).
3. **Main activities:** List and briefly explain the core activities your initiative will carry out to achieve these results. Make sure these are clearly linked to addressing violence against structurally marginalized women and girls.

Strategies & Evidence (Maximum 750 words)

Explain how you plan to carry out your initiative, why these approaches are appropriate, and how they are informed by evidence or past experience. Strategies are the overall approaches your initiative will use to achieve change (for example: community mobilization, advocacy, or service delivery). Make sure to clearly link your strategies to the challenges identified in your problem analysis, show how they will help you achieve your initiative results and ensure they are responsive to evolving challenges.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Strategies and tools:** Describe key strategies, methodologies, and tools you will use to address violence against structurally marginalized women and girls, especially in contexts affected by backlash/challenging environments. Clearly indicate who will be engaged in the process - including key stakeholders, duty bearers, and affected communities. Highlight any innovative or adaptive approaches you plan to use.
2. **Evidence and experience:** Explain why you believe these approaches will be effective in your context. You can refer to:
 - Your organization's experience using these methods in similar settings
 - Lessons learned from past initiatives
 - Research, evaluations, or reports that support the relevance and effectiveness of your chosen approaches

Ethics and Survivor-Centred Approach (Maximum 750 words)

Explain how your organization will ensure the participation, safety, dignity, and well-being of all participants, especially survivors, structurally marginalized women and girls, and at-risk groups. Your response should reflect a survivor-centred, rights-based approach and describe how structurally marginalized women and girls will meaningfully participate as co-designers and decision-makers throughout the initiative.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Participation and accountability:** Explain how structurally marginalized women and girls will be meaningfully engaged in all stages of the initiative - as co-designers, implementers, and decision-makers - and how their priorities will guide implementation and adjustments, including through inclusive monitoring, learning and evaluation approaches.
2. **Ethical standards and safeguarding measures:** Share how your organization will apply “do no harm” and survivor-centered approaches to ensure the safety, dignity, and well-being of all participants, particularly survivors, children, and other at-risk groups. Describe any existing practices or protocols on safeguarding, data protection, informed consent, and EVAW/G-related codes of conduct or standard operating procedures, or any plans to develop them.
3. **Staff safety and well-being:** Explain how your organization will keep staff safe and support their mental health, including any measures to prevent burnout and manage stress or trauma.

EVAW Programming Principles can be found [here](#).

Risk Analysis & Mitigation Measures (Maximum 750 words)

Describe the key risks your organization, partners and your initiative may face and how your organization will monitor and respond to them to ensure safe and effective implementation. This includes both external risks and internal or programmatic challenges, particularly in the context of backlash/challenging environments.

Guiding Questions:

1. **External and contextual risks:** Identify external risks that could affect your initiative, such as political instability, armed conflict, environmental disasters, climate change, economic crisis, legal restrictions on civil society or backlash on gender equality work. Explain how you will monitor and address these risks (scenario planning, coordination with local and national actors, adapting timelines and strategies).
2. **Operational and programmatic risks:** Describe risks related to implementation, such as staffing turnover, logistical delays, opposition or backlash from communities, institutions, or authorities, coordination challenges (especially for multi-country initiatives), or shifts in partner capacity. Explain how you will monitor and address these risks (partner coordination, flexible workplans, contingency plans and feedback loops).

Partnership Strategy (Maximum 750 words)

Describe how your organization will collaborate with others to implement the initiative, ensure equitable partnerships, and contribute to the broader EVAWG ecosystem. Briefly explain how you selected your partners and why they are well-suited to contribute to the initiative.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Co-implementing partners:** List the organizations that will implement activities and receive part of the grant funding. For each co-implementing partner, describe their specific contributions and indicate the nature of your relationship (longstanding collaboration, newly established, or to be established).
2. **Supporting partners:** List the key supporting partners involved in the initiative (duty-bearers, key stakeholders, networks, INGOs, public institutions, research bodies, private sector, etc.). Describe their roles in the initiative and specify the nature of your relationship (longstanding, new, or to be established).
3. **Equity and mutual benefit:** Explain how you will ensure that partnerships - especially with smaller or local organizations - are fair, transparent, and mutually beneficial. Include how decision-making and resource sharing will be managed.
4. **Broader EVAWG collaboration and ecosystem engagement:** Indicate how your organization collaborates with other actors working to end violence against women and girls. Describe your participation in feminist or intersectional networks, national coordination mechanisms, or any movement-building efforts the organization is part of.

Transformative Approach & Initiative Sustainability (Maximum 750 words)

Describe how your initiative will contribute to long-term, systemic change and ensure that results are sustained beyond the initiative period.

Guiding Questions:

1. **Transformative approach:** Describe how the initiative plans to use a transformative approach to create lasting change by addressing and challenging existing norms, structures, and practices.

2. **Sustainability:** Describe how the results achieved through this initiative (including capacities, services, partnerships, etc) will be sustained over time and maintained after the initiative ends.

IV. Proposed Budget

See Annex 3 – Concept Budget Form & Budget Guidelines.

V. Required Attachments

A. Legal registration

Attach the valid official registration of your organization as proof of legal status. This is a basic requirement and your application will not be considered without it.

If you - as the lead applicant - are not legally registered in the country of implementation, you must submit the legal registration document of at least one of your co-implementing partner(s) that is registered in the country of implementation (in addition to your own legal status/registration document).

For multi-countries initiatives, you need to provide the legal registration documents of your co-implementing partners in the respective countries of implementation.

For proposals implemented in one country only, if the lead applicant is legally registered in the country of implementation, co-implementing partners are not required to be officially registered or have a legal basis/mandate as an organization. Organizations that are not officially registered or do not have a legal basis/mandate may still receive funding as co-implementing partners, provided they apply through a lead applicant that meets all eligibility criteria.

B. Certified Financial Statements

Attach the certified financial statements for the previous three fiscal years – including **2022, 2023, 2024**. This is a basic requirement and your application will not be considered without these documents. A **certified financial statement** is one that has been reviewed, approved and signed by the person authorized to sign financial documents for the organization. This can be someone from within the organization or an outside firm, as delegated to sign as the designated official of the organization. This may include an internally prepared document, such as an Excel sheet, as long as it is signed by the designated official authorized by the organization.

C. Evidence of being a women's or girls' rights, women-led and/or constituent-led organization

Attach supporting documents (constitutions, by-laws, organigrammes) to help us determine whether your organization is a women's or girls' rights, a women-led, and/or a constituent-led organization.

D. Evidence of specialized knowledge and expertise on ending violence against women and/or girls

Attach supporting documents demonstrating your technical expertise and experience in the field of ending violence against women and/or girls, including an explanation of your organization's history and experience working on this issue and the number and CVs of staff with the requisite EAW/G skillset. Submit organigrams, CVs, list of EAW/G projects implemented, information about EAWG projects implemented (briefs, articles and/or evaluations) and reference letters to attest to your EAW/G experience. The UN Trust Fund will only accept applications from Civil Society Organizations with specialized knowledge, expertise, and a proven track record of working on eliminating violence against women and girls. Organizations are expected to have at least five years of EAWG programming experience, in the last ten years, with a specific and primary focus on preventing and responding to violence against women and/or girls (except in the case of recently established, younger organizations).

E. Two references demonstrating a track record of working on ending violence against women and/or girls

Organizations are expected to have at least five years of relevant programming experience in the field of ending violence against women (except in the case of recently established, younger organizations). Provide at least two donor/customer references for which similar service has currently or previously been provided by your organization.